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Shamir: settlement budget cut, not freeze

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that settlement in Judea and Samaria would be cut — along with many other aspects of government expenditure. "The settlements are not excluded," he said. But there would be no "freeze" on such settlement, the premier stressed. A freeze would be a political act, and would run counter to the fundamental policies of his government.

Shamir spoke on the Israel Television interview programme *Moked*. He said the government would not resign if a motion for the Knesset agenda urging a settlement freeze were approved next week. The motion is being submitted jointly by Shinnui and by two members of the Likud-Liberals, Yitzhak Bernas and Dror Zeigerman. Shamir said he "wondered at" the two coalition men's submitting this motion, since a freeze was plainly a political proposal and not an economic measure. He did not expect other coalition members to support the motion. But even if they did and the motion were carried, it would merely mean a full-dress Knesset debate on the subject. There was no binding instruction to the government to freeze settlement, and the government need not regard the motion as a parliamentary test with the requirement that it resign if it failed the test.

New IDF Lebanon pullback is possibility, says Shamir

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that a further partial withdrawal by the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon was "a possibility." Appearing on the Israel Television programme *Moked*, Shamir was asked whether he would consider a pullback from the present line on the Awali River to the Zaharani River further south. He said that Israel was "in the stage of leaving Lebanon" and therefore any proposal in that direction would be considered — provided always that security arrangements were achieved to ensure the safety of the northern border.

Asked how this position squared with chief of staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy's statement last weekend that Syria's presence in Lebanon could be strategically beneficial to Israel, Shamir said he was "sure there is no contradiction." Were he to sit and discuss the scenarios at length and in depth with Levy, they would agree "on what conditions a Syrian presence... on what conditions an Israeli withdrawal."



King Hussein listens as Jordan's new prime minister, Ahmed Obaidat, is sworn in on Tuesday night at Hussein Medical Centre, where the king is receiving treatment for a peptic ulcer. To the king's right is his brother, Crown Prince Hassan. (UPI telephoto)

Amman waiting for Arafat

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is expected in Amman "within the next ten days, or at the latest by the end of the month," according to a prominent East Jerusalem person who returned from the Jordanian capital late yesterday. This person was in Amman for the recent reconvening of the Jordanian parliament and the appointment of a new government. He said that the strong feeling among Jordanian government circles was that if Arafat did not come, "he would be missing a rare opportunity for the coordination of forthcoming diplomatic moves in the area."

West Bank observers said last night that the increase in the number of West Bank Palestinians in the new Jordanian cabinet (seven as compared to five in the outgoing cabinet) and their appointment to key portfolios was clearly intended as a signal that King Hussein was more willing to involve himself in the future of the area than in the past. However, opinion was still sharply divided whether the king could go ahead and negotiate on his own if Arafat did not give him the go ahead. AP reports from Amman that the first regular session of the Jordanian parliament has been postponed until next Monday.

Economic ministers decide: Public will pay IS30b. to cover budget cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The public will have to provide IS30 billion of the IS58 billion that the Ministerial Economic Committee decided early yesterday to cut from the government's budget.

Following the cuts in the Health, Education and Culture, Labour and Social Affairs, and other ministry budgets, the public will have to pay new health fees, an education levy and other extra charges, subject to cabinet and Knesset approval. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning, after some 12 hours of talks, the committee decided to abandon its earlier proposal to cut 9 per cent from each ministry's budget. This decision was taken because of complaints from several ministries that they simply were unable to execute a 9 per cent cut. Tami had warned that any attempt to cut more than 5 per cent from the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry budget could result in their leaving the government. The committee instead adopted a programme involving a IS12b. slash in the Defence Ministry budget and a IS48b. cut in the civilian ministries' budgets. This will include a IS16b. reduction in spending on activities such as road construction and investment projects. The public will be asked to make up IS30b. of the cut, paying increased fees and making do with smaller allowances.

The decision to cut IS12b. from the Defence Ministry budget was taken without Defence Minister Moshe Arens' approval. He was not at the meeting. Treasury officials said yesterday that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had not talked with Arens during the day, and could not say if Arens would agree to the proposed slash. They said talks could take place in the next few days, before the budget proposal is tabled at the cabinet plenum on Sunday. The cuts agreed on by the Ministerial Economic Committee are as follows: **Health Ministry, IS2b.** Health Ministry officials have begun to work out the details of the IS2 billion budget cut and some general guidelines for trimming expenditures have emerged. These include reducing the amount of support given by the ministry to institutions such as the various health funds and Magen David Adom; cutting down spending on development; and shifting some of the ministry's responsibility for geriatric care to other institutions, such as the National Insurance Institute. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned. The ministry will make every effort to maintain the present level of health services. But it is already apparent that certain areas will be hit hard. For example, waiting lists for dialysis, the installation of

Mail service, trains may shut down on Sunday

Jerusalem Post Staff
Labour unrest in the public sector continues to mount throughout the country, and it seemed possible yesterday that the postal services and trains would come to a halt on Sunday. The Jerusalem District Labour Court yesterday instructed the Communications Ministry and postal workers to continue negotiations through Sunday and to reappear in court that afternoon to prevent a threatened general strike next week. Court hearings on the wage dispute, involving 4,500 workers, have proceeded for nearly three weeks with no results. The postal workers have declared that if no solution is found by Sunday, they will bring mail services to a halt, as they did for a few days last month. Train services throughout the country will also come to a standstill on Sunday, for an indefinite period, unless the management of the Israel Railways agrees to the employers' wage demands. The *Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Shmuel Blau, chairman of the northern region works committee, said all 2,000 railroad workers agreed to the walkout after the breakdown of talks with management. The workers staged a one-day stoppage more than a fortnight ago, but then agreed to call off their strike pending top-level talks between representatives of the Histadrut and the Finance Ministry. The employees are demanding a 30 per cent wage rise and upgrading of their salaries. They also favour proposals to take Israel Railways out of direct government control. Blau said the talks have failed to produce any results and the workers therefore have been forced into taking further action. "Our aim is to reach an agreement, and we hope that the action will not be necessary," he said. The workers of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry have agreed to stop their month-old sanctions, following assurances that their demands to raise the salaries of the lowest-paid workers will be "sympathetically" considered by the Civil Service Commission.

The sanctions have forced some welfare institutions to close and forced hundreds of others to reduce their activities to the minimum. Informal talks between the staff representatives and Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan, which began recently, will focus on the demands to raise the salaries of the ministry workers whose gross income ranges between IS20-25,000 a month. The demands for rises for workers in higher grades will not be considered at this stage. Staff representative David Zioni said that the decision to return to work was due in part to the fact that the impact of their struggle was diluted by the wave of sanctions in the public sector that broke out in recent weeks. Transport Ministry staff committees from all over the country met in Tel Aviv yesterday and decided to continue their sanctions. However, automobile licensing will continue uninterrupted until further notice. At the Interior Ministry, too, no changes were announced yesterday in the continuing sanctions, a staff committee leader said.



Loses aliya post on secret ballot Herut stunned by Sharon's defeat

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Herut last night suffered a blow to their prestige when the Zionist General Council denied Minister

without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, enthusiastically endorsed by the premier and by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, a seat on the Zionist Executive and prevented him from receiving the Jewish Agency aliya portfolio.

One hundred and eight delegates to the ZGC meeting took part in the 90-minute vote in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma. Fifty-nine voted against Sharon, 48 voted for him, and one abstained. During the hours before the election, Herut Knesset Members and Jewish Agency officials spoke confidently of Sharon's winning, saying that the "floating vote" had swung in Sharon's favour. In the morning, Arens, asked for his opinion on the Sharon candidacy by a Chicago delegate, strongly condemned the ZGC for "spending a great deal of time" looking for a way to defeat Sharon. "I was sorely disappointed with the effort to get Raphael Kotlowitz out of the job (last October) and now not to allow Arik Sharon to get it," he said. If Diaspora Jewry had had their own candidate who could miraculously increase American aliya to tens of thousands a year, "then I would listen."

New clashes in Beirut as security plan stalls

BEIRUT (AP). — Government troops and Muslim insurgents clashed in suburban Beirut and neighbouring hills yesterday as objections again delayed enforcement of a security plan to separate Lebanon's civil war antagonists.

State-run Beirut Radio said a four-man committee representing the army and Druse, Shi'ite and Christian militias met and called a ceasefire at midday to halt the morning battles. The truce held for half an hour and since has been ridden by minor violations. U.S. special envoy Donald Rumsfeld flew in from Israel to consult with government leaders on ways to curb Lebanese violence, local radio stations said. Official sources in Damascus said the American diplomat will visit the Syrian capital today for talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. The four-man security committee was originally scheduled to discuss the hitches delaying the enforcement of the Saudi-mediated plan to disengage combatants and establish a durable ceasefire, but it was forced first to deal with curbing new fighting, police said. The state radio said there were last-minute hitches to enforcing the security plan and the government needed more contacts to sort them out and avert "a setback during implementation."

Coalition seems secure—for now

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The coalition's prospects of survival were judged as considerably improved yesterday, after Tami's ministries were spared drastic budget cuts. But the long-term threat to the Shamir government has not entirely disappeared. Coalition partners from all parties heaved a collective sigh of relief yesterday morning when it emerged that the finance minister had managed to get most of his budget cuts, but virtually without touching the welfare budget. He thus managed to avoid triggering a Tami walkout from the coalition. Sources in most coalition parties yesterday reported a "considerably improved atmosphere" and judged the coalition's chances of survival as better than they had been throughout the past week.

However, according to insiders, next week "will really be crucial in determining whether the government will surmount the present hurdles." Tami Knesset Members are scheduled to meet with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad next week to hear details of "his entire economic plan." Tami spokesmen explained yesterday that their final decision on whether to remain in the coalition will hinge on the sort of plan Cohen-Orgad outlines. Deputy Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben Zion Rubin said yesterday that to his mind "chances are now very good that Tami will stay in the coalition. We are pleased with the consideration shown us on the budget cuts. But there must be more to an economic plan than cuts, and this is what we will insist upon."

Tami is now expected to demand that limits be imposed on the amount of foreign currency that Israelis travelling abroad can take with them, that the rich make greater sacrifices than the poor, that unemployment be avoided and that housing plans not be drastically reduced. The coalition is not expected to be shaken until the meeting with Tami delegation next week. The betting in coalition circles is that if a crisis does come, it will be against a different background. It is not ruled out that the next crisis, too, might be generated by Tami, as the suspicion still lingers that Tami may wish to bolt the coalition in any event and that the economic question merely provides it with a pretext. If that is the case, it is said in the coalition, Tami will find new excuses.

Rosolio confirms wider bank investigation

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut investigators have been asked to intensify their investigation into alleged financial irregularities by the former chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim, Ya'acov Levinson. This was revealed yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post* by Danny Rosolio, secretary of Hevrat HaOvdim, the Histadrut's holding company. The labour federation has been quietly conducting its investigation for several months. But when the allegations were made public this week, the team was told to proceed as quickly as possible. Rosolio said he had personally told the investigators to speed up their work. The investigators are Shraga Rothman, director of Solei Boneh, and Amiram Sivan, board chairman of Histours and Teus, a Hevrat HaOvdim financial institution. Both men are also directors of Bank Hapoalim.

Levinson is alleged to have been involved in transactions from 1979 to 1981, when he left Bank Hapoalim to become chairman of its subsidiary, Ampal, that improperly benefited either Ampal or a private financial institution, or both. Levinson has denied any wrongdoing. Rosolio said that he has not yet received even an interim report on the investigation, but said that at least one other bank official's name "had come up" in the course of the investigation, and that it now extended to him as well. The board of directors of Bank Hapoalim held a special session last night to hear a full report on the probe being conducted into the Levinson affair. The directors endorsed the action taken so far, an announcement said. The allegations surfaced this week in *Haolam Hazeh*. According to the weekly, one of the issues involved transactions between Bank Hapoalim and Ampal, a subsidiary established in 1941 for raising capital in the U.S. It alleged that after Levinson

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AMSTERDAM	6	13	10	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	4	10	10	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	10	15	10	Cloudy
GENEVA	10	15	10	Cloudy
HELSINKI	10	15	10	Cloudy
HONG KONG	18	25	10	Clear
JAKARTA	24	30	10	Clear
LONDON	5	11	10	Cloudy
MADRID	10	15	10	Cloudy
MUNICH	10	15	10	Cloudy
NEW YORK	10	15	10	Cloudy
PARIS	10	15	10	Cloudy
PRINCE OF WALES	21	27	10	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	25	10	Clear
STOCKHOLM	10	15	10	Cloudy
TOKYO	4	10	10	Cloudy
TORONTO	10	15	10	Cloudy
VIENNA	10	15	10	Cloudy
ZURICH	6	13	10	Cloudy

THE WEATHER	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	45	4-11	15
Haifa	65	10-18	19
Nahariya	61	5-11	13
Haifa Port	71	13-18	19
Libertas	54	9-18	19
Nazareth	54	9-18	19
Afula	54	3-21	17
Sharon	55	7-16	21
Tel Aviv	55	9-18	19
B'nei Brak	55	6-19	20
Jericho	36	7-22	23
Gaza	37	10-18	19
Beer-Sheva	33	6-20	21
Eilat	19	9-22	23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A dinner in honour of the Haifa Port's first manager, Amos Landman, who has been named Man of the Sea 1984 by the Israel Maritime League, will be held by the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club at the Zion Hotel at 7 o'clock today. Table reservations by phone 04-537766.

A reception to mark the retirement of Uriel Shalom as chairman of the Haifa branch of the Israel-America Friendship Society and to welcome his successor, Judge Micha Lindenshtau, was held at the Nof Hotel in Haifa last night.

Veteran plant expert Nathan Vardi of Vardi Nurseries, will speak on "How to Enjoy Life More by Cultivating Plants," in German (also Hebrew and English), at 4:30 this afternoon at the Neve Aviv Club in Kfar Shmaryahu.

Two struck, killed in Haifa accidents

HAIFA. — A 75-year-old man was fatally injured when he was hit by a bus while in a pedestrian crosswalk at the junction of Habankim and Ha'atzmaut streets in downtown Haifa on Tuesday night, the police reported yesterday.

They said the man, Yosef Levy, a Haifaite, died on his way to hospital. Inquiries into the accident are continuing.

Also in Haifa, police Samal-Rishon (first sergeant) Najib Mustapha Hamaseh of Jenin died from injuries received when he was hit earlier in the day by a car.

Terrorist acquitted in murder of Sartawi

ALBUFEIRA, Portugal (Reuter). — A self-confessed Palestinian terrorist was cleared last night of killing PLO moderate Issam Sartawi, but was sentenced to three years in prison for having a false passport. After a week's trial the Portuguese court decided it could not be proved that Mohammed Hussein Rashid pulled the trigger, although he confessed to being part of the murder plot and acting as a decoy for the killer.

The 23-year-old terrorist said he belongs to the Abu Nidal radical splinter group.

Hebron synagogue grenades in TNT probe

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Two Israel Defence Forces handgrenades found wrapped in newspapers in the Abraham Avinu synagogue in Hebron have been included in the investigation of the case labelled Terror Against Terror. The name refers to the anonymous telephonist who calls news organizations to claim responsibility for grenade attempts on non-Jewish institutions.

The grenades, found Tuesday morning by Arab workers doing repairs to the synagogue in Hebron, were wrapped in newspapers dating from early October.

Terror Against Terror's telephone calls began in mid-December, soon after the bombing of the Number 18 bus in Jerusalem in which six persons were killed.

However, even before the terror attack in Jerusalem that apparently prompted a series of grenade attempts against Moslem and Christian institutions in the capital, there were some incidents involving terror attacks against Moslem religious sites for which police believe Jews may have been responsible.

Meanwhile, the police are not

HOME NEWS

Treasury and unions to discuss wage hike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Senior Treasury and Histadrut Trade Union Department officials will meet here this morning to try to conclude an agreement on a wage increase for some civil servants. The agreement could serve as a precedent for all public servants.

At its last meeting in Jerusalem on Tuesday, the Civil Servants Union demanded a wage increase of IS5,200, which should be updated in a few days in line with the expected increase in the cost-of-living allowance. (The size of the C-o-L allowance increase will be calculated next week.)

The union demanded the increase as a "balancing allowance" for 50,000 members who do not receive

any special allowances. Most are in administrative jobs, a union official told The Post.

Workers whose allowances are less than IS5,200 should get the balance and those whose increments are higher should continue to receive their original allowance only, the Histadrut suggested.

The Treasury had promised to consider the demand and reply today.

The secretaries of the unions of engineers, technicians and university graduates are expected to attend today's meeting, too, because some of their members whose salaries are set in accordance with the unified grade scale, would get the hoped-for increment.

Spanish leader: 'Mossad' could help us

Jerusalem Post Staff

Spanish opposition leader Manuel Fraga Ebarce yesterday said he hoped Israeli intelligence services would aid in Spain's fight against terrorism.

Fraga told a press conference that the Mossad has services to help fight Basque terrorists in Spain. "and I would very much like this to be of benefit to both countries," He declined to elaborate.

Fraga met President Chaim Herzog yesterday and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Tuesday. He told Shamir Spain may soon establish diplomatic ties with Israel but that the matter could be stalled by Israeli opposition to Spain entering the Common Market.

Shamir replied that Israel was not opposed to Spain entering the market but sought assurances to protect its mainstay citrus exports which would face formidable Spanish competition, according to a senior government official.

BUDGET CUTS

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Some efficiency measures will also be introduced in the ministry, Director-General Asher Ohayon said. As an example, he said that IS500,000 could be saved by tightening up requirements for sending children to boarding schools, and by increasing payments by parents and local authorities to the boarding schools.

Local Authorities, IS3b. This will mean higher municipal taxes and increased fees for services.

Subsidies, IS14b. This will increase the prices of basic commodities and public transport. Since subsidies are a negative tax, to cut them is equivalent to raising the tax burden.

Proposed cuts in government activities were:

Industry Ministry, IS5.6b. This will mean a freeze in aid for investment projects not linked to export purposes.

Housing Ministry, IS3b. This will bring a freeze in construction of new roads, a slow down in building activities and a slow down on the Ayalon project.

The Treasury insisted last night that the cut would apply to settlements both in Israel proper and in the administered areas.

Project Renewal activities would also be affected. Construction and Housing Ministry officials last night

said, however, that the ministry had not yet decided how to apply the cut.

Communications Ministry, IS1.7b. Fewer telephones will be installed.

Tourism Ministry, IS2.1b. Investments in buildings will be cut.

Agriculture Ministry, IS1.6b. This will bring about a freeze in development projects related to water and a slowdown in other projects.

Also incorporated in the cut, is the firing of some 160 ministry workers.

Other planned cuts included a slowdown in the building of the Med-Dead Sea canal, and savings in the Transport and Religious Affairs Ministries.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Pat said yesterday that the planned cuts will hurt important projects but that they were essential. He said no further burdens would be imposed on the public after these cuts were effected.

Other coalition members were less encouraging. The Likud's whip in the Knesset Finance Committee, Yigal Cohen, said yesterday he hoped that the government would execute the planned cuts, but he believed it would be very difficult for the ministries to meet their targets.

New firearms rules for Judea-Samaria

The Israel Defence Forces Central Command has issued new regulations governing the use of firearms in Judea and Samaria. The regulations recently were distributed to the Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District and to heads of those area's settlements.

Among other items, the new regulations stress that if a person is attacked in an area where there are members of the security forces, and the person can escape danger by ways other than using firearms, then

the person must exploit these ways and refrain from using arms.

Commenting on this, settler leader Benny Katzev said that "by our running away we encourage the local residents to throw stones at us. This situation is a disgrace and dishonour every Jew." The settlements council is to convene next week to discuss the regulations.

Yesterday, the residents of Karnei Shomron returned their weapons to the IDF, the sixth settlement to do so recently. More than half of Samaria's nearly 600 families have returned their weapons. (Itim)

SETTLEMENTS

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to continue in office with a 61-59 majority if Tami quit the government.

Shamir said he was fully sensitive to the economic hardships of low-grade civil servants. He said they had always found it difficult to make ends meet, but now inflation was hitting them hard.

Shamir asserted, though, that the cost-of-living adjustment to be paid

in February, for January salaries, would "compensate in full" for all the losses suffered by wage-earners "over the past several months."

While he hardly enjoyed reading the opinion polls, Shamir professed himself optimistic that the Likud would soon succeed in persuading its voters in the development towns that "we are with them...we will look after them...we always looked after them better than any other political camp."

For those agencies, the "case" includes more than the problem of boobytrapped grenades that arose in late December. They are still seeking the perpetrators of the attack at the Islamic University of Hebron, in which three persons were killed and dozens wounded. They also still have not solved the 1980 bombing of three West Bank synagogues.

A factor still complicating the investigation is the "provocateur theory," which suggests that Arab terrorists may be behind at least some of those terror attacks.

West Bank man jailed for hostile activities

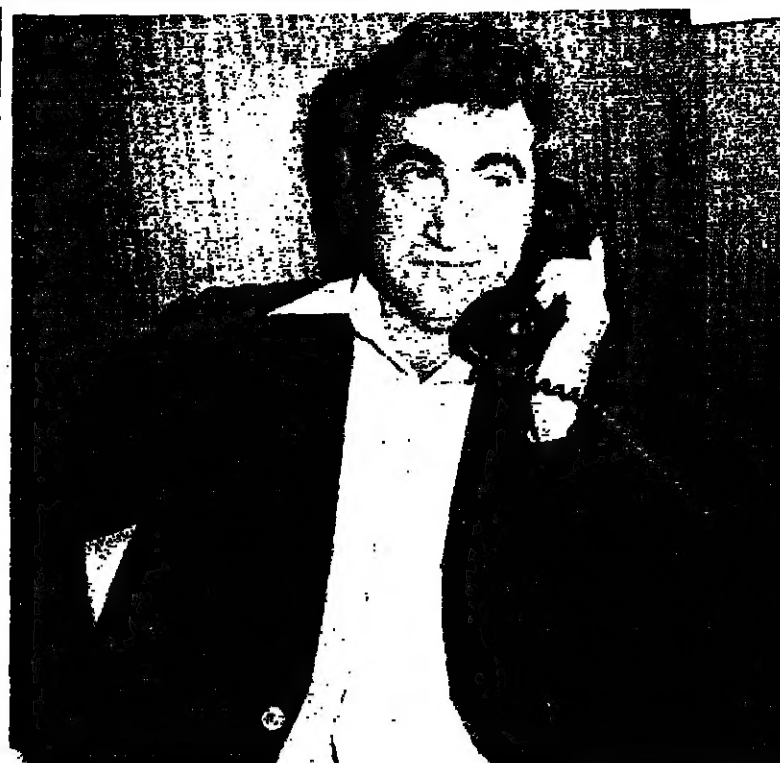
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ramallah military court yesterday sentenced Mohammed Jihad Namura of Dura near Hebron, to four and a half years in prison and gave him a suspended sentence of two and a half years for organizing a hostile organization in his village, performing acts of sabotage and causing public disturbances.

Namura was recruited three years

ago by Fatah when he was in Jordan and took it upon himself to recruit others, the court was told. He planted an explosive charge in his village school, and after it exploded and the children ran out, he led them in a demonstration during which they stoned Israeli vehicles.

The court rejected the argument of Namura's attorney that residents of occupied territory are not required to be loyal to the authorities.



Education and Culture Minister Ze'ev Hammer at his desk yesterday after recovering from his recent heart attack. Hammer spent most of his first day back at work conferring with aides on budget cuts. (Israel Sun)

Arens: U.S. Jews should fight German arms to Saudis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday suggested to American Jewry that their organizations lobby against the sale of West German arms to Saudi Arabia.

Speaking to the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma yesterday, Arens also said that Israel could not unilaterally withdraw from Lebanon, because soon after, terrorists would follow and renew the bombardment and shelling of the northern part of Israel.

Asked by a leader of Hadassah whether American Jewry would best invest its efforts in fighting the proposed West German-Saudi arms deal, Arens agreed that they should go ahead with the campaign. "We are definitely completely opposed to the sale" of sophisticated West German arms to a country that is officially at war with Israel, Arens said. He declared that it was difficult to conceive of such a German offer after "all that has happened" between the Jews and Germany.

The Hadassah leader said that her organization and other American Jewish groups had recently been urged to join in the campaign against the proposed arms deal.

Answering questions about the Lebanon imbroglio, Arens said that most western countries are in favour of immediate withdrawal by the Syrian army from that country. In the face of that, Arens continued, "should we say we don't care?" Only when Israel receives adequate security guarantees of its northern border can Israel consider withdrawal.

Israel, he continued, does not consider itself responsible for the safety of Lebanon's citizenry, even if it would like to see peace and quiet there. Arens pointed out that many people in South Lebanon seem to fear the day when Israel will withdraw.

SHARON

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Sharon. "All political appointees to the Zionist Executive should be examined in that case, said Arens. Anti Sharon forces, knowing that Arens is much respected by the Diaspora delegates, worried that his speech would change minds among the delegates. But Sharon, who wanted for the results in the nearby Hilton Hotel, was not called for a victory speech.

There was some tension in the hall, especially among Jewish Agency bureaucrats concerned about their jobs if Sharon were to take over.

The Zionist delegates were told that the vote would be held according to the Hebrew alphabet by secret ballot, and those who did not know what Hebrew letter their names started with could "ask others around them."

ZGC chairman Ephraim Even, a Herut man, announced the results, then allowed Gideon Abramovitz of Herut-Hatzohar (the Zionist arm of Herut) to voice his protest. Abramovitz said that Herut reserves the right to oppose the system allowing the ZGC plenum to vote on the candidacy of a party nominee. For years, the parties' nominees for the party-allocated Zionist Executive portfolios were automatically admitted to the executive.

Kotlovitz, the Herut man ousted by the Jewish Agency board of governors from the aliya chairmanship after nearly six years in the job, remains a member of the Zionist Executive until another Herut member is voted in his place. Michael Kleiner, a Likud (Herut) Knesset Member, is being touted as the most likely candidate.

Labour Zionists, members of the non-party World Confederation of General Zionists, Reform delegates and others who voted against Sharon said it was a "vote for sanity" and urged Herut to propose "a capable and viable" candidate. Who will become Herut's Zionist Executive representative instead of Kotlovitz is still unknown.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, who opposed Sharon, holds the aliya portfolio.

The Zionist General Council meeting ends today. If a Herut representative is not approved, there is a legal way to elect one after the Diaspora delegates return home — by a postal vote.

The question of Sharon's nomination was raised in the Knesset yesterday in a motion for the agenda by Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment-Labour), despite the objection of Yosef Rom (Likud-Herut) that the Knesset had no business interfering in the affairs of the Zionist Organization.

German envoy plants trees for French Jews

TEL AVIV (Itim). — German Ambassador Niels Hansen on Tuesday donated funds for planting 7,000 trees in memory of French Jews deported by the Germans in World War II.

The donation was delivered to representatives of the sons and daughters of these French Jews.

Local rates to rise by up to 260 per cent

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Local rates will be raised by 220 to 260 per cent for the next fiscal year, which begins April 1, Interior Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky said at a press conference yesterday.

Kubersky predicted a difficult economic year for local authorities, but noted that with the right financial planning the authorities will be able to remain within their budgets.

Kubersky blasted the Tel Aviv municipality for setting a bad exam-

ple by exceeding its development budget (which is separate from the regular budget) during the past three years. "The city violated the law and the norms of conduct of a public body," he said.

The Interior Ministry withheld Tel Aviv's development funds until recently, when Mayor Shlomo Lahat signed a commitment to stop all the development projects in the city, Kubersky said. He commended Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for keeping their expenditures within their regular budget.

British FM says Israel needs radical policy change

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

DAMASCUS. — British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe arrived in Damascus yesterday for talks with Syrian officials on the third leg of a Middle East tour that has taken him to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Howe called on Israel to make a "radical change" in its policy towards the Palestinians. Speaking in Riyadh, before flying to Damascus, Howe conceded that the peace process would be "greatly helped" if the PLO recognized Israel. But he emphasized the "heavy responsibility" which Israel bears to change its West Bank policies. He also urged Israel to look again at the Reagan plan.

Foreign Office sources in London are at pains to play down Howe's comments, pointing out that they were made basically for his Saudi hosts. The sources denied that the remarks represented any changes in British policy, describing them instead as a "restatement of old and well-known views."

Howe's tour has been given added significance by the last-minute decision of Syrian President Hafez Assad to see him today.

Originally the foreign secretary was confining his travels to Egypt and Saudi Arabia and was going to make just a brief stopover in Damascus for talks with the Syrian foreign minister.

Habash urges ouster of Arafat as PLO head

DAMASCUS (AP). — George

Habash, leader of the PLO's second largest group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, yesterday demanded the ouster of Yasser Arafat as PLO chairman.

Habash accused Arafat of "treason," saying he was planning to yield to U.S. "schemes which ignore the national rights of the Palestinian people."

Habash had remained neutral in the split in the PLO between pro-

and anti-Arafat factions until Arafat's trip to Egypt December 22 and his meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.

In his statement, Habash, whose group is second to Arafat's own Fatah in the PLO, said, "The Cairo meeting makes Arafat lose his right and legitimacy to lead the PLO. The Palestinian people can no longer put up with Arafat's style of taking personal decisions that harm our course and create antagonism in our ranks."

Herut furious with Liberals over Agency vote

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The defeat of Ariel Sharon's bid to become chairman of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department sent shock waves last night through Herut headquarters in Met-zudat Ze'ev.

Bitterness at the Liberal party was already rife in Herut, but yesterday it appeared to have reached a peak.

Herut insiders do not predict any immediate repercussions on the parliamentary Likud front, but they said that the Sharon defeat is one more "very weighty addition to a very long list of Herut grievances against the Liberal Party. When the time comes to draw up the next list of Knesset candidates, we will present the Liberals with the bill," it was said.

Herut considers the Liberals an unending source of trouble for the

Likud and the coalition. Resentment against the party is especially marked because it is thought that the Liberals are benefitting from their Likud membership at Herut's expense, but at the same time lose no change to the Likud's leadership. It is said that although they were virtually invisible to the public in the 1981 Knesset campaign and brought almost no votes, the Liberals emerged from the elections over-represented with 18 Knesset members.

Following the Liberals' failure to support Sharon, which is seen in Met-zudat Ze'ev as "another example of Liberal treachery," it is expected that Herut members will now clamour anew for a correction of the 1965 Gahal agreement that fixes the ratio of Herut and Liberal MKs.

The Jewish Agency vote also caused considerable dismay in the

Liberal party, which fears fallout from a very angry Herut. Liberals yesterday regretted that their Zionist Organization counterparts had again demonstrated that it is unable to impose even a minimum of discipline on its members. The Liberal leadership knew that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had put his full political weight behind Sharon and that the defeat would be painful to him too.

The Liberals cannot afford to incur Shamir's antagonism, hence their party executive last week came out in favour of Sharon. This, however, did not prevent executive member Arye Dulzin from ignoring his party's executives and energetically campaigning against Sharon. The Liberals were asking themselves yesterday if decisions of their party institutions have any value. Most Liberal leaders privately expressed great anger at Dulzin.

Shamir: rejection of Sharon is an 'injustice'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that the Zionist General Council's rejection of Ariel Sharon for the post of head of the Aliya Department was "an injustice to the man and an injustice to aliya."

Appearing on a live television-interview programme, the premier said the Zionist movement had "missed an outstanding opportunity."

He himself would now "consider" the proposal floated last night in Herut circles to appoint Sharon "Minister for Diaspora Affairs" in the cabinet. But, as TV interviewer Ya'acov Ahimeir remarked, Shamir seemed to show little enthusiasm for the idea, noting that it would be an unprecedented portfolio and would require consultation with coalition partners.

Shamir sidestepped questions about the blow to his own prestige in the ZGC's rejection of Sharon after he (Shamir) had vigorously canvassed support for Sharon in an address to the council on Monday. "I'm not concerned about my prestige," he said. "That is not the issue."

He did not regret his forthright and outspoken support of Sharon's candidacy and would have given Sharon that support no matter what his chances were of being elected, he said. He had felt conscience-bound to support the candidacy that he believed to be worthy of support.

Asked about his assertion to the ZGC on Monday that to reject Sharon would be tantamount to admitting Israeli responsibility for the Sabra-Shatilla massacres, Shamir said he had not spoken of "rejection" but of "disqualification."

In the event, he said, there was no disqualification — because Sharon's candidacy was put forward and a considerable body of opinion in the ZGC voted for it.

It failed, he said, "because of an accident in the strange process of Zionist democracy."

Soldier acquitted in death of officer

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A soldier was

acquitted yesterday of accidentally causing the death of his commanding officer in a training accident at Tze'elim military base in March 1983.

The district military court found reasonable doubt that the soldier had fired the shots that caused the death of his commander, a second lieutenant. However, the court found the soldier guilty of carelessness in the use of his weapon, and gave him a two-months prison sentence suspended.

The court expressed dissatisfaction that the officers commanding the soldier's unit — non-combat troops on a night assault exercise — had not ascertained beforehand that the soldiers were not sufficiently familiar with their weapons. During the exercise, a rifle accidentally dis-

charged, wounding the second lieutenant in the knee and hand.

The wounded officer was treated by the unit's doctor and flown by helicopter to Beer-Sheva's Soroka Hospital. There, the army doctor testified, his bandages were removed prematurely — in the emergency ward instead of in the operating theatre. As a result, he said, the officer bled profusely and — despite receiving a blood transfusion — went into shock and died two days later.

The court particularly castigated the Military Police for what it called its "botched" and "amateurish" investigation of the incident. The investigators failed to provide "any substantive data" from which the court could deduce who fired the shots that wounded the commander, the judges said.

Remand order for suspect in Nablus murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Tel Aviv

District Court yesterday ordered Pinhas Mahrab, 25, detained until the end of the proceedings against him on the charge of being an accessory after the fact in the murder last month of 11-year-old Aisha Adnan al-Bash in Nablus.

Mahrabi is a Dabbus cooperative security guard working on routes in Judea and Samaria. He is charged with switching the barrel and bolt of his Uzi submachine gun with those

of Yossi Harnoi, who is charged with shooting the girl. The prosecution

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

Inquiry urged into collapse of bank shares

Alignment Knesset Member Haim Ramon yesterday called for a parliamentary committee of inquiry into the collapse of the bank shares. The vote on his motion was deferred, in accordance with a Likud faction request that no controversial motions be voted on yesterday because many of its members were at the meeting of the Zionist General Council.

Ramon said that Treasury spokesmen, in objecting to an inquiry, explain they want to save whatever confidence the public still has in the banks.

He charged that the real reason was their fear that an independent inquiry would reveal the primary responsibility fell on the Treasury and the Bank of Israel. So they want to sweep all this under the carpet, Ramon charged.

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman noted in his reply that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has suggested in a letter to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad that the Ministerial Economic Committee appoint a committee "to clarify the facts" regarding the collapse of the bank shares.

Kaufman proposed that the motion be referred to the Finance Committee, but Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-Citizens Rights Movement) pointed out that a motion for a parliamentary committee of inquiry is either rejected or voted on after a full-scale plenary debate.

Project Renewal funds
Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut) yesterday demanded that the

government budget the funds needed to finance social programmes for 13 new neighbourhoods in Project Renewal. He said it had promised to allocate these funds two years ago.

He said that Construction and Housing Minister David Levy should have pressed for the required \$5 million in the cabinet. "Levy should deal with Project Renewal not with events in Syria, Lebanon or anything else," Shitrit said.

Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Moshe Katsav devoted most of his reply to a recapitulation of the achievements of Project Renewal.

On the point raised by Shitrit, he said that although no one is happy about the budget cuts, "we must all get used to the present economic constraints."

Katsav proposed that the matter be referred to committee. But when Aharon Nahmias (Alignment-Labour) moved that the Knesset hold a full-scale debate on the subject, the Speaker announced that the vote would be deferred.

Ashkelon-Ashdod road

Transport Minister Haim Corfu announced yesterday that work would be begun in fiscal 1984 on widening and improving the 20-kilometre Ashkelon-Ashdod highway. This is one of the country's "red" or extremely dangerous roads, and it was here that four residents of Bnei Brak were killed this week.

Corfu was replying to urgent motions for the agenda on the steep rise in road accident victims presented by Shmuel Halpert (Agudat Yisrael) and Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment-Labour).

Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party) and Haim Druckman (Mitzad) were also scheduled to speak on the same subject, but they were not present.

Corfu said that the job would take between two and three years, and would cost IS60-70 million shekels at December 1983 prices. About six and a half kilometres were scheduled for widening in fiscal 1984, he said.

Friday night news show

Geula Cohen (Tehiya) yesterday urged the Broadcasting Authority to screen the TV weekly news magazine, *Yoman Hashavua*, on an evening other than Friday.

She said that this was one of the most important programmes of the week, and it was not fair to prevent Sabbath-observant Jews from viewing it. (She noted — "I don't say it proudly" — that she herself does watch TV on Friday evening.)

At the very least, Cohen said, the programme should be re-broadcast in full on Saturday night, rather than only selections as was done a few years ago. She praised the Kol Yisrael for repeating during the week all significant radio programmes broadcast on Friday evening.

Deputy Education and Culture Minister Miryam Glazer-Ta'asa agreed that the Orthodox were being short-changed. She transmitted

the Broadcasting Authority's comment that if the news magazine were shifted to Saturday night, most of the preparation would have to be done on Shabbat.

The authority also says that 80 per cent of all TV owners watch television on Friday nights and Saturday nights, so that it would be impractical to re-broadcast the programme on Saturday night.

Glazer-Ta'asa expressed the hope that the authority would find a way to repeat the programme, if not on Saturday night then on Sunday.

Akiva Nof (Likud-Herut) moved that the motion be struck from the agenda. Shifting the programme from Friday evening would deepen the split between the Orthodox and secularists. The Knesset should not interfere with the scheduling of the Broadcasting Authority, he said.

The vote was deferred.

Names of suspects

The House referred to the Knesset Law Committee a private members bill by Shevah Weiss (Alignment-Labour) and Eliezer Kulas (Likud-Liberal) prohibiting the publication of a suspect's name before a judge has ordered his detention, unless the suspect agreed.

Weiss noted that a similar bill by then MK Chaim Herzog was discussed at length in the Law Committee, but never reached its second reading.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim welcomed the initiative taken by the sponsors and agreed that the bill go to committee.

MKs rap Aloni on IDF document

Post Knesset Correspondent
Alignment Knesset Member Shulamit Aloni's disclosure of a secret Israel Defence Forces document referring to policy in Southern Lebanon in the Knesset plenary on Tuesday has prompted Tehiya's Geula Cohen to table a private members' bill limiting an MK's

parliamentary immunity where secret documents are concerned.

In reply, Aloni issued a statement saying that she had merely quoted sections of the IDF document, which had appeared earlier in *Ha'aretz* after being passed by the IDF press censor.

Aloni said it was her job as an MK to warn against further tragedy and bloodshed in Lebanon.

Earlier, Aloni's Alignment colleague, Micha Harish, wrote a letter to Aloni telling her she had dramatized the public controversy over Lebanon in an inadmissible manner, without promoting the issue itself. Harish wrote that Aloni had merely provided a new weapon for those who oppose withdrawal from Lebanon.

Israelis can testify on 'desaparecidos'

Post Knesset Reporter
Israel residents who wish to give testimony or submit material in the matter of the *desaparecidos* can do so at the Argentine Embassy or at the Foreign Ministry for transmission to Argentina.

This was announced yesterday by Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky.

He added that the government relies on the promise of the recently elected Argentine government to investigate the fate of the *desaparecidos* and punish those responsible for kidnapping them.

Replying to an oral parliamentary question by Dov Zakin (Alignment-Mapam), Shilansky said that the Israel embassy in Buenos Aires would follow developments and report to the Foreign Ministry.

Shilansky noted that the Argentine embassy here had already taken testimony and transmitted it to the Buenos Aires government.

Namir hits gov't plans to close youth centres

Post Knesset Correspondent
The government's plans to close 15 youth and cultural centres in disadvantaged areas inside the pre-1967 borders and build 13 new centres in Judea and Samaria instead were criticized yesterday by Education and Culture Committee chairman Ora Namir (Alignment-Labour).

Aharon Harel (Alignment-Labour), whose motion about the centres was being discussed in the

committee, said the pressure to open the new centres in Judea and Samaria at the expense of the old centres in Israel came directly from Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and Construction and Housing Minister David Levy.

Mohammed Wasad (Alignment-Mapam) said that if the government refused to build youth centres for neglected Arab youngsters, the only recourse would be to mobilize funds for them from the Arab oil countries.

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Students at the Hebrew University's School of Social Work collect signatures yesterday for greetings to be sent to Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky on the occasion of his 36th birthday. The students who organized the project assist Israeli families of refusedniks in the Soviet Union. At right is Avraham Harman, chancellor of the university and president of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry.

Sanctions at Bikur Holim hospital

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

All outpatient clinics at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital will be closed today for the second straight day, as the hospital's 500 workers continue their protest over the non-payment of last month's advance on the cost-of-living increase and of their December salaries.

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Knesset to mark 35th anniversary
Post Knesset Correspondent
The Knesset will mark its 35th anniversary at a special session next Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. with a debate analyzing the Knesset's work.

A philatelic exhibition about the history of the Knesset will be open to the public in the Knesset building on the usual visiting days.

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Books. — A travelling exhibition of Hebrew books and manuscripts, organized by the Central Institute for Cultural Relations Israel-Iberoamerica, Spain and Portugal in Jerusalem, recently toured seven Latin American countries.

Legal steps possible in museum affair

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Interior Ministry may recommend legal action against persons responsible for allowing construction projects at the Ha'aretz Museum to proceed without building permits.

Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky told a press conference here yesterday that from documents he has seen from the district planning and building commission, the expansion work at the museum was definitely illegal.

He said the ministry would examine the conduct of the municipality and of the museum administration in connection with the illegal building, and said that appropriate measure would be taken.

He indicated that he would consult with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, and the suggestion was that Mayor Shimon Lahat and museum director Rehavam Ze'evi could bear responsibility in the matter.

Commenting on Lahat's preventing the municipal control committee from obtaining information on the affair and debating whether to ask the city controller to investigate it, Kubersky said: "Everything that happens in the city is the business of the control committee and it should have the authority to decide what it wants to investigate."

Kollek will be chairman of '84 Han fund campaign
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has agreed to serve as chairman for the 1984 fundraising campaign of Han (the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children). The proceeds of the drive, which begins on January 30, will go to institutions involved in care and rehabilitation.

AMBULANCE. — The Orthodox-run hospital being built in Bnei Brak will shortly receive its first ambulance, the gift of a London Jewish family, after the Health Ministry recommended that the usual customs duties be waived. Among other things, on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days, when it will be driven by a non-Jew, it will be used to bring to hospital women about to give birth and who would rather not ride in a vehicle driven by a Jew on the holy day.

Depositing Bank Shares in a Savings Account

To those who held their bank shares on October 6, 1983

Long Term Deposit of Shares in Blocked Accounts

Further to the notice published on October 23, 1983, concerning the bank shares arrangement, we give below details of possibilities for long term deposit of the shares in a blocked account. On October 20, 1983, agreements were signed between the government and the companies established for this purpose, which determined inter alia special arrangements for the bank shares listed hereunder. The agreement is intended to protect investors who wish to retain their shares as long-term investment.

Which shares are covered by the arrangements?

- Group A — IDB ordinary IDB B shares IDB preference shares IDB preference A shares Discount Bank
- Group B — ordinary A shares Discount Bank B shares
- Group C — Bank Leumi ordinary shares Union Bank ordinary shares
- Group D — Bank Hapoalim ordinary bearer shares Bank Hapoalim ordinary registered shares
- Group E — General Bank, ordinary A shares
- Group F — Mizrahi Bank registered shares Mizrahi Bank bearer shares Finance and Trade Bank IS1 registered shares Finance and Trade Bank IS5 registered shares

What are the terms of the arrangements?

The above bank shares may be deposited in a blocked account; at the conclusion of the deposit period, the shareholder will receive the value of the shares on October 6, 1983, plus the

dollar linkage increment and dollar linked interest. Under the arrangements shareholders will receive the dollar value of their investment, plus profits, in accordance with the Government's commitment.

Who may participate in this scheme?

Everyone who meets the following four conditions:

- a. Is a private (not a corporate) investor.
- b. Is the owner of shares included in the above list
- c. Was the owner of the shares on October 6, 1983
- d. There is no charge over the shares on the day they are deposited in the blocked account.

What are the maximum sums that may be deposited in a blocked account?

A Everyone wishing to take advantage of the arrangements may deposit shares to a value not exceeding IS 500,000 (value as on October 6, 1983). However, those owning shares of the groups listed above may deposit shares exceeding the sum of IS 500,000, provided that the value of the shares in

each of the groups, deposited by any one depositor in such an account, does not exceed IS 500,000. B Where a portfolio of shares is owned by more than one person, each one may deposit shares to a value of IS 500,000, the total value being IS 500,000, multiplied by the number of joint owners of the portfolio

How long are the blocked deposit periods, and how are interest rates fixed?

A. Shares may be deposited in a 6-year blocked account (until October 31, 1989). Those who hold the shares for a 6-year period may receive at the end of the period the shares' shekel value as on October 6, 1983 plus the dollar-linkage increment and dollar linked interest of 34% for the entire period (Adjustments will be made for distributions, such as rights issues, bonus shares or cash dividends)

B At the end of 4 years (October 30, 1987), a blocked account depositor may sell his shares and receive their shekel value as on October 6, 1983, with the addition of the dollar linkage increment, and 12% dollar linked interest for the entire period (subject to adjustments, as mentioned above)

C. Women who reach the age of 60 by January 20, 1984, and men reaching the age of 65 by the above date who hold the shares for 2 years (until October 31, 1985) may receive the value of their shares as on October 6, 1983, in addition to the dollar linkage increment and 8% dollar linked interest for the entire period (subject to adjustments, as mentioned above) At the conclusion of the blocked period the depositor may receive his shares back, if he so wishes, instead of receiving their value in shekels.

What is the deadline for joining the plan?

Instructions for opening a blocked account may be issued until January 20, 1984.

Details of the arrangements may be obtained at the branches of the following banks.

Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.
Bank Hapoalim B.M.
IDB Bankholding Corp. Ltd.
Israel Discount Bank Ltd.
United Mizrahi Bank Ltd.
Union Bank of Israel Ltd.
Israel General Bank Ltd.
Finance and Trade Bank Ltd.

Debate next week on settlement halt

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

A call by two Liberal doves in the Likud to freeze Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria on financial grounds will be debated in the Knesset plenary next Monday afternoon.

After the coalition executive denied permission to Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman to present their motion as urgent, the two decided to present the issue as a regular motion, for which no permission is required.

The two Shinui Knesset members, Amnon Rubinstein and Mordechai Virshupski, will also put their names to the motion.

Berman told *The Jerusalem Post* that he will base his argument mainly

on economic grounds, and will not inject any political element related to the West Bank Arabs or King Hussein's role. However, Berman said, he would outline both sides of the debate among strategy experts about the value of settlements as a bulwark against terrorist assaults on Israel.

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Parents 'panicking' over molesters

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 100 children in Gush Dan are sexually assaulted each year, but police, psychologists and educators urged parents at a meeting in Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening not to over-react to the situation.

Nitzav Avraham Turgeman, police commander of the Tel Aviv district, said many of the cases that find their way into the statistics of indecent acts against children are not serious. The public regards every case as if it were rare, but indecent assaults or rapes are very rare, he said. The pinch on the cheek or friendly pat, which formerly would not have been brought to the police's attention, is now reported because of the anxiety provoked by the few serious cases which have received wide publicity.

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Zionism in action

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

A CHICKEN and a cow were standing in the farmyard discussing what they could give the farmer for his birthday. It was a major problem, considering their limited resources.

"Why don't we give him a nice plate of steak and eggs?" suggested the chicken.

Replied the cow: "That's easy for you to say. For you it's only a contribution, but for me it's a total commitment."

With that anecdote, leaders of the South African Zionist Federation made farewell to Yitzhak Kalmanowitz, their chairman, who had decided to take the plunge and settle in Israel with his wife and three children.

"I'm not leaving," Kalmanowitz, 48, a senior partner in his accounting firm, told them. "I'm going home."

Kalmanowitz thus became the sixth chairman of the Zionist Federation (out of 12) to settle in Israel. Soft-spoken and self-effacing, he was chairman of the federation for five years before his aliyah. Previously, he was active in Hahonim.

Although many Jewish organizational leaders in the Diaspora miss the limelight once they come on aliyah, Kalmanowitz says he is looking forward to the anonymity of being a new settler.

AFTER MANY VISITS to Israel, the Kalmanowitzs decided finally last year to make the move. And in the course of a trip last April, they found an apartment and schools for their three teenage children — Debbie, Shifra and David.

"It was very difficult emotionally for the children to say goodbye to their friends," says Kalmanowitz, who also left many close friends behind. But luckily, they have the support of a number of relatives who live here, as well as other former South Africans who came earlier.

They have suffered very little from the pains of the bureaucracy. Initial processing at Ben-Gurion Airport when they arrived last month was so quick — only a few minutes — they could hardly believe it. They are now living with relatives until they move into their apartment in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem quarter.

In the meantime, Kalmanowitz has received a number of job offers, but he would eventually like to move out of accountability, which he did not very much enjoy. He hopes, once he is settled, to work as an adviser for South African Jews who want to invest in Israel, and for Israelis of various origins who have

investments abroad. His wife, a schoolteacher, also hopes to find a job in Jerusalem.

Their major goal now is to learn Hebrew. Kalmanowitz and his wife are enrolled at Ulpan Etzion, where they will study for six months. Although they can manage with their English, they are aware that without fluent Hebrew, they will never be fully integrated Israelis.

HAVING VISITED Israel several times, Kalmanowitz does not come with rose-coloured spectacles. He knows the strengths and the weaknesses of Israeli society. His aliyah emissaries, he says, were very helpful, presenting a "factual picture rather than a glossy view."

Some 500 immigrants arrived in Israel from South Africa last year — quite an increase from the 300-plus during 1982.

Many Jews are worried about the increasing strength of right-wing groups in South Africa. Others are concerned about the long-term future of their children.

Although an equal number of Jewish emigrants from South Africa move to England, Canada and the U.S. rather than Israel, many of those who decide against aliyah are having difficult times.

"All my friends who went elsewhere are having a rough time," says Kalmanowitz. "They don't face language difficulties, but they are encountering cultural and job difficulties."

Yet while there is concern among South African Jews over their situation, "there is no panic."

Aliya is a difficult step because "it's hard to uproot oneself. And language is a big stumbling block."

The South African Zionist Federation tried many times, he says, to institute *ulpanim* for Hebrew study in South Africa, but they weren't successful since there was no reinforcement after the lessons ended.

South African Jews, who generally are wealthy and have servants, do have an easy life. But somehow, says Kalmanowitz, when they leave the country, they manage to adapt to a life with fewer luxuries. "They are an industrious and self-reliant people. Maybe they manage so well elsewhere because they want to prove they can make it despite their background."

What will he miss most about South Africa? "Our friends," says Kalmanowitz without hesitation. What does he most look forward to in Israel? "Enjoying some of the benefits of Israel's excellent cultural life, which I never had time for in South Africa."

clear to bring out all the counterpointed lines Haydn wove into the score.

Two first-deckers of the JSO appeared as soloists. Yigal Tunes chose the wrong music for his performance. He plays with a clean and firm technique, his bowing produces a very nice tone quality, and he attends to all details. But his musical approach is contrary to Prokofiev's spirit, and his temperament tends to that kind of restraint that makes for too even and dull a presentation. Never have I heard this witty, somewhat grotesque, tongue-in-cheek music performed with such straightlaced earnestness.

Quite the opposite were the *Rococo Variations* which Alexander Kaganovsky attacked with an attractive attitude. His cello produces

THE REINSTATEMENT of Major Sa'ad Haddad and the restoration of all his rights by the Lebanese High Court a fortnight ago must have been gratifying to the seriously ill 47-year-old officer, his family and friends.

Cynics in well-informed Israeli military circles and in Southern Lebanon agree, however, that in adopting the resolution the Lebanese authorities may have had some more practical considerations in mind.

Beirut, so *The Jerusalem Post* was told, was less concerned with redressing a possible wrong than making a move towards obtaining renewed control of Southern Lebanon, with the possible agreement of and even cooperation with Israel.

Haddad's reinstatement not only brings the major back into the fold of the Lebanese Army; it is also seen as a first step towards the reincorporation of Haddad's militia, which seceded from the official Lebanese Army on April 18, 1979, when Haddad and his supporters proclaimed the independent "Republic of Free Lebanon."

The final break with Beirut came after the Lebanese Army sent a battalion southwards (in compliance with Syrian pressure) in order to put an end to Haddad's control of three enclaves along Israel's borders (Marjayoun, Rameh and Alma-e-Shab), all of which were surrounded by the PLO. Communication between these three areas was possible only by crossing and recrossing into Israeli territory.

ONE SCENARIO foreseen in Marjayoun is that the Lebanese government will nominate an officer to replace Haddad, singling out someone who will be acceptable to the southern villagers — Shi'ites and Maronites — and also to Israel. It will probably be an officer who has received military training in Israel, or who has had at least some contact with the IDF.

This attempt by Beirut to regain control over Southern Lebanon by the back door may, it has been suggested, have American support. Some sources have even gone so far as to suggest that the idea may have been an American one in the first place. Such an undertaking would, at least from the point of view of

UNTIL THE EARLY 1960s, all schools in Israel were built in virtually identical form by government order — all classrooms off one long corridor and facing north for diffused light.

The dramatic changes that have occurred since then were the subject of an international conference held recently in Jerusalem under the auspices of the International Union of Architects.

Dr. Yael Pozner, a former director of school buildings in the Education Ministry, told participants that the building style inherited from the British mandatory authorities began to change with the beginning of educational reform in Israel. The creation of junior high schools and the goal of integration "made it interesting for architects," she said.

Haddad and Beirut

By ZE'EV SCHUL/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Maronite Church in the centre of Marjayoun.

(David Rubinger)

future American arguments, include a number of positive features, such as the built-in guarantees Israel is demanding for its northern frontiers prior to any further pull-back.

The Americans could argue that since the militia and its officers were largely Israeli-trained, equipped and paid, they could be expected to remain loyal to Israel. Israel, however, may for its part question how long this loyalty will last, once Beirut starts sending monthly pay cheques and eventually starts re-equipping the militia (which now has FN and AK-47 (Kalachnikov) rifles, Israeli-supplied artillery pieces and what was left of Israel's Sherman tanks).

HADDAD is a native of Marjayoun. The son of Catholic farmers whose family had been in the area for at least five generations, he joined the army in 1957 and subsequently graduated from a French military academy. In 1973, he took various officer-training courses in the U.S., in Fort Knox and Fort

Benning. The major is now under treatment for a debilitating disease which is reported to have affected his lungs.

Haddad was known for his opposition to "greater Syrian" ambitions, which provided for the incorporation of Lebanon into Syria. He was also fiercely opposed to the increasing incursions into Southern Lebanon by the PLO. In October 1976, Haddad was nominated commanding officer of the southern districts, the nomination coming from former president Suleiman Franjeh in person. His official assignment was to "clean up and re-establish order" in what had become known as Fatahland, where the terrorists did pretty much as they pleased. Their principal victims being the Christian inhabitants of villages in Southern Lebanon.

Unofficially, Haddad was also to re-recruit the many deserters from the Lebanese Army who had fled from their units in central and Northern Lebanon in order to come to the aid of their persecuted kinsmen.

The fight against the terrorists escalated and eventually climaxed in the Litani operation in March, 1978. In this operation, the IDF advanced to the Litani river on the central and eastern fronts, clearing out terrorist bases. Israel withdrew in June, leaving Haddad in control of an area extending for some 120 km. from Shuba in the east to Ras-a-Beida on the coast.

Haddad's cooperation with Israel reached its zenith at about that time. But even the Shi'ite Moslems and the Maronite communities agreed to overlook their differences and join forces against the PLO units which had for so many years terrorized the area, shooting, raping and generally behaving like medieval warlords.

COOPERATION with the IDF was not based only on safeguarding the villagers' physical existence; there were also material aspects, such as Israel's free medical treatment available to all the inhabitants of Free Lebanon. Clinics were set up at the Good Fence crossing and all

those in need of more intensive care were given free hospitalization. Over 40,000 patients have been treated this side of the border.

Last year, Israel spent over \$84m. in Southern Lebanon, most of it on public works projects such as the construction and maintenance of roads, clinics and playgrounds and the provision of building materials for Palestinian refugees.

"There are no housing problems for refugees inside Southern Lebanon," Col. Shaul, in charge of civilian administration in the area, told reporters there this week. The refugees include some 30,000 Palestinians. Over 700 Lebanese citizens are employed in Israel.

The officer distinguished between the "old" and the "new" parts of "Haddadland." "Inhabitants of the old part don't want to leave," he said. "At least, not in the near future. They are afraid of what will happen to them if we go." This applies equally to the Shi'ite and the Christian communities. Their cooperation with Israel was total, and included security and even intelligence work. The situation is different in the "new" area, but there too the mood could be changed if investments and aid projects were implemented, on the scale of those carried out in the south.

Haddad, his wife Therese and their six daughters live in a simple, flat-roofed structure clinging to a mountainside on the outskirts of Marjayoun. The family have moved into the basement of the faded pink house; it's safer. There are roadblocks, sentries and an observation post on the roof.

A young woman came out of the house as we approached.

"I'm just a neighbour," she said. "We all pray for him. He's a big better today. No, we don't want to think about what will happen after Sa'ad Haddad. We don't want it to happen."

Somebody has erected a little glass and aluminium shrine in front of the building, it is topped by a large crucifix. Inside the glass construction is a picture of the Madonna and Child.

I saw a young Israeli with a *kippa* open the glass door. "What is he doing?" I asked. I was told, "He's just relighting a candle that has gone out."

"In contrast, a fair-to- poor staff will work adequately within a conventional building but will most likely fail to function in a more sophisticated environment. Their skills will fail whenever maximum virtuosity is required."

Israel's pluralistic society, said Cassuto, demands solutions less individualistic than those promoted by Western societies. "Our approach stems from a desire to develop a cohesive society which can function with common motivation even under the most adverse conditions."

Although UNESCO normally sends representatives to the organization's working sessions, it did not send anyone to the Jerusalem meeting. The discussions were chaired by Israeli architect David Reznik.

was played with appropriate delicacy.

Philippe Bender was very much in his element in the presentation of the Ravel. Here he achieved good communication with the musicians, and the charming "Mother Goose," with its fairy-like atmosphere, was performed with commitment. There were also many good solo parts.

Although directed with drive by Bender, who chose bright, vivacious tempi, the reading of the ending symphony was marred by lack of synchronization in entries and a lack of sureness.

ESTHER REUTER

Class conscious

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACCORDING TO Pozner, the degree of change in the country's educational plant in the last 20 years was probably unique in the world. Mass immigration and limited means obliged the educational system to get by until then in large part with makeshift facilities, including huts.

The conference participants, including seven foreign architects and officials, were taken on a tour of new schools in Yavne, Ashdod and Beersheba. When they were shown departures from the conventional

"confrontational" classroom, an American architect said his country had, similarly, pursued non-conventional concepts but was now putting the teacher back in front of the classroom.

Pierre Denizet, director of school building for the French Ministry of Education, said that France was now in the process of relinquishing the highly centralized system that gave Paris responsibility for the construction of all secondary schools in the country.

From the beginning of next year, 7,270 such schools will be transferred from the central government to local authorities, which will then also have responsibility for building new school buildings. This, he noted, will greatly diversify school design.

ISRAELI ARCHITECT David Cassuto said that capable educators would perform satisfactorily under conventional circumstances and superbly under experimental conditions.

Impressive directness

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a rich, colourful tone, his phrasing is well-rounded, and his commitment is apparent in every line. He has the makings of a soloist, and his interpretations, one feels, will always be interesting and impressive. Tchaikovsky received all due sentimentality, and technical demands were met with bold strokes. Ernest Bour proved to be a sympathetic and reliable collaborator.

All hell broke loose with Roussett's Third Symphony, written for Serge Koussevitsky and the Boston Symphony for its 50th anniversary. Roussett kept somewhat apart from his contemporaries in the famous *group de six*. His style is not easy to catalogue. His music misses, in my opinion, the charm and flexibility that characterizes French music in

general. But Ernest Bour and the orchestra joined forces in unanimity and brought this rich and contrasting programme to a rousing finale.

YOHANAN BOEHM

THE ISRAELI TRIO — Menachem Brenner, violin; Marcel Bergmann, cello; Alexander Volkov, piano (Tel Aviv Museum, January 7). Haydn: Trio in E flat Major, Hob. XV, No. 3; Schumann: Trio Op. 67; Shostakovich: Trio in D minor.

THE PROGRAMME was disappointing and the performance even more so.

The Haydn is a work of limited musical interest, and the trio's performance did not justify the choice. It was a heavy, lifeless reading without stylistic identity.

The Shostakovich, was nothing

less than a disaster. The Trio Op. 67 is shameless, undisguised kitsch. The presentation by Volkov, Brenner and Bergmann was characterized by stiffness and a total inability to shape the music according to an interpretative idea. The last movement was inexcusably aggressive.

In the Schumann, Brenner remained insignificant throughout, and Volkov left no imprint at the keyboard. Only Bergmann contributed a few nice *cantabile* passages. But what hurt most was the absence of a common musical denominator. The three created no real rapport and pursued no clear and convincing musical aim. The quintessence of Schumann, nobility and poetic feeling, were completely ignored and remained hidden among the multitude of notes.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Philippe Bender (France) conducting; with Rami Bar-Niv, piano (Haifa Auditorium, January 7). Rameau: Les Fêtes D'Hébé, Saint-Saëns: Concerto No. 4 in C minor for Piano and orchestra; Ravel: "Mo'ère l'Or" (Mother Goose) Suite; Bizet: Symphony in C major.

THIS WAS young conductor Philippe Bender's first visit to Israel. Not all the items in his all-

French programme emerged on the same level of performance. The opening opera ballet was unsure and lacked synchronization.

Rami Bar-Niv brought to the platform the lesser-known Saint-Saëns fourth piano concerto. Playing with confidence, technical skill and sonority, he gave us an enjoyable rendering of this brilliant and melodious work. It was a success with the audience. Conductor and orchestra were mostly in unison with the soloist's intentions, both in the dialogues and the colourful accompaniment. Bar-Niv added as encore Debussy's *Clair de Lune*, which

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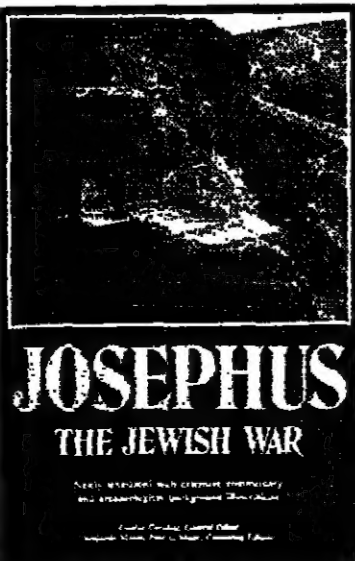
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The man behind the research bonanza is Israel Rosen \$50m. for limited partnerships

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Over a period of less than four years Israel Rosen has been directly responsible for arranging \$50 million worth of syndicated limited partnerships in the United States, whose goal it is to invest in Israeli research and development projects. The companies here, which have been the beneficiaries of the funds raised by the limited partnership include: Metalworking Laser Int'l; Ramot Purotech; Tek-Dyn; The Nuclear Research Centre in the Negev, which was engaged by Ramot Industries; and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

Other beneficiaries are Inter-Yeda; Development Company of the Weizmann Institute; Hy Laboratories; The Sorek Nuclear Research Centre in Yavneh; the Bullion Medical Centre; Industries Development Corp; Ta'as (Israel Military Defence Industries); Biotechnological Applications; and Migal Galilee Technological Centre.

Israel Laser Associates was organized to develop and manufacture a high-power laser for use in the metalworking industry. The limited partnership put up \$3.3m., while another \$3.3m. came from

long-term loans to the limited partners by the government of Israel.

Metalworking Laser International, an Israeli joint venture company, which is 50 per cent owned by Laser Industries not only concluded its R & D on schedule, but recently entered into a distribution arrangement with Ransburg, an American public company. "I am particularly pleased with this development, since it marked the first limited partnership effort back in April, 1980 and I can see that the limited partners will shortly start enjoying the benefits of their participation in this exciting project," Rosen said.

Ramot Purotech, three years after the receipt of funds for R & D, has recently obtained an order from the U.S. for 1,000 units of its portable artificial kidney. Each unit is valued at \$12,000. "As of September 1982, Ramot Purotech has been paying the partners royalties," stated Rosen.

The Jerusalem Medical Partners provided Teva with more than \$2.6m. to develop a number of pharmaceutical and chemical products, which include a new drug for the treatment of a variety of bone, renal and other diseases.

The Israel Bio-Engineering Project made available to Inter-Pharm Laboratories and Yeda Research and Development, \$7.7m. to assist in the development of human interferons.

A \$6m. partnership called the Galilee Engineering Project provides capital for the development of a flywheel, which is part of a transmission system for use in buses. "General Motors financed the development of this fuel-saving transmission for trucks and vans, and we are doing the same for buses," explained Rosen.

Each of the ten limited partnerships in which Rosen has acted as general partner, has been scrutinized and approved by the Chief Scientist's Office in the Industry Ministry, which matches the foreign funds.

"Behind these projects are some 500 individual investors, nearly a third of whom are non-Jews. Besides the benefits the individual companies get from these investments, Israel also stands to benefit from the subsequent increase of high technology exports. Moreover, as a result of the existence of these partnerships, 24 former Israeli families returned from the U.S. to become active participants," Rosen said.

After watches, Japan now seen moving in on Swiss chocolate

GENEVA (AP). — Switzerland's industry, already having lost much of its worldwide watch business to Japan, is faced with a fledgling Japanese challenge to another of its traditional domains — chocolate.

Industry experts seem not overly worried yet, but the *Tribune de Geneve* newspaper calls recent reports of Japanese moves into the popular world of chocolate a "shock offensive."

Under an agreement with the British company United Biscuits, Meiji Seika Kaisha, the top Japanese chocolate maker, is providing the knowhow, while its British partner is offering production facilities. A Swiss press report claimed that the Japanese knowhow was originally "inspired" by the Swiss.

The new joint enterprise is said to have an initial production target of about \$4.3 million worth of chocolate in 1984, with plans to build a factory in Calais to assure expansion on the European continent, perhaps even into Switzerland.

The news from Tokyo came as Swiss chocolate manufacturers reported continued stagnation in sales, although they have largely been spared by recession and no jobs have been lost.

To many, Switzerland, a country of 6.4 million, has been synonymous with chocolate. The Swiss supposedly consume more chocolate than any other population, topping 10 kilograms per person a year according to official statistics. This may be misleading, however, because substantial purchases by tourists are included in this figure.

De Beers succeeds in its 'Diamonds for Men' campaign Economic recovery boon to diamonds

LONDON (Reuters). — The diamond market is regaining its sparkle thanks to economic recovery in the U.S., growing demand for higher-grade gems and a trend towards diamond jewelry for men.

Christmas sales of diamond jewelry in the U.S., which buys around 30 per cent of the world's diamonds, rose an estimated 15 to 20 per cent over 1982, spokesman Richard Dixon said for the De Beers Central Selling Organization (CSO).

The London-based CSO is the marketing arm of De Beers Consolidated Mines of South Africa, which controls about 80 per cent of world diamond output.

De Beers' sales of rough gems and industrial diamonds rose 27 per cent, to \$1.6 billion last year, reversing a trend evident since the sharp fall of 1981, when sales sank to \$1.47b. from a record \$2.72b. in 1980.

High interest rates and world recession cut world demand for gems following the boom years of

1978-80, when diamonds were seen as a hedge against inflation.

An estimated 32 million pieces of diamond jewelry were sold worldwide in 1982 for a total of \$18b. Japan accounts for 19 per cent of the market, West Germany eight per cent, and the rest of Europe 13 per cent.

Some 40 per cent of retail diamond sales take place in the Christmas period, and Dixon says the number of pieces sold in Britain last Christmas is thought to be up three to five per cent on 1982, and in the more expensive ranges.

This view was borne out by Gerald Ratner, joint managing director of Ratners (Jewelers) Ltd., which has 130 shops in Britain.

Ratner says he has noticed a growing interest in jewelry for men since De Beers launched a worldwide advertising campaign under such slogans as "Diamonds from a woman to a man."

De Beers is marketing a "Diamonds for Men" collection with

items selling at £300 to £2,000 (\$420 to \$2,800).

Part of its success is due to a woman's problem in finding more original presents for a man than ties, socks or shirts, says Lia Colacicco, a market research executive for De Beers.

A survey in January 1983 showed that 21 per cent of men did not recall what their wives had given them for Christmas.

Another market doing well and which De Beers is attempting to expand through advertising is that of higher quality gems, which De Beers sells, uncut and unpolished, at between \$2,000 and \$5,000 per carat.

At this upper end of the jewelry market, De Beers uses such slogans as "One in a million" and "A carat or more" to advertise the rarity of diamond gems of more than one carat.

Only about 20 per cent of all diamonds mined are of a quality to be used in jewelry, but they account for 80 per cent of their value.

Economy move at Dhalit-Rosenfeld

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. — The Dhalit-Rosenfeld shipping company has sold one of its two bulk carriers, the 33,000-ton Dhalit, to Greek shipping interests for an undisclosed amount, company general manager Arye Ayali told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

It is part of economy measures by the company to streamline its activities in view of the world recession in shipping.

Ayali said the Dhalit, built in 1965 at a cost of \$4.5 million, had proved expensive to run in recent times.

He said that some of the Dhalit's 34-member crew would be offered alternative jobs, replacing crews on the company's foreign ships, but the rest would be made redundant.

Under the five-year contract between the company and the government, the Dhalit and the firm's other bulk carrier, the Makleff, carried grain to Israel from the U.S. and took potash back to the States. The contract, which had two years to run, has been extended by a further 18 months and all the work will be done by the 37,000-ton Makleff.

Ashdar Co. has 399 housing starts

By AARON SITTNER

Construction has begun on 399 housing units in Petah Tikva, Netanya, Yokneam and Kiryat Malachi, a spokesman for the Ashdar Building Company of Tel Aviv has announced.

In Petah Tikva, 168 flats are being built in cooperation with the Histadrut's Shikun Ovdim housing firm. A five-room, 120 square metre flat is priced at approximately \$70,000. The project consists of four seven-story buildings.

In Kiryat Malachi, Ashdar's programme calls for 68 villas. Each villa has 68 sq.m. of floor space, which can be expanded to 120 sq.m. The villas are priced at \$43,000 and purchasers with government eligibility can receive a loan of \$2.2 million from the Housing Ministry, plus complementary loans from Ashdar.

A second project in cooperation with Shikun Ovdim is the one in Netanya, where ministry loans will be available in sums of \$400,000 higher than elsewhere. There will be 118 flats in the Netanya project. Shikun Ovdim is also joining Ashdar in the Yokneam program.

There, 45 flats of three, four and five rooms are going up, 13 of them being built in the terraced design. All other Yokneam flats will be in four-story structures.

Ashdar hopes the outstanding view from the Yokneam flats will be a selling point, especially for young couples wishing to live in the north close to Haifa.

Tourism Ministry wants local backing

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

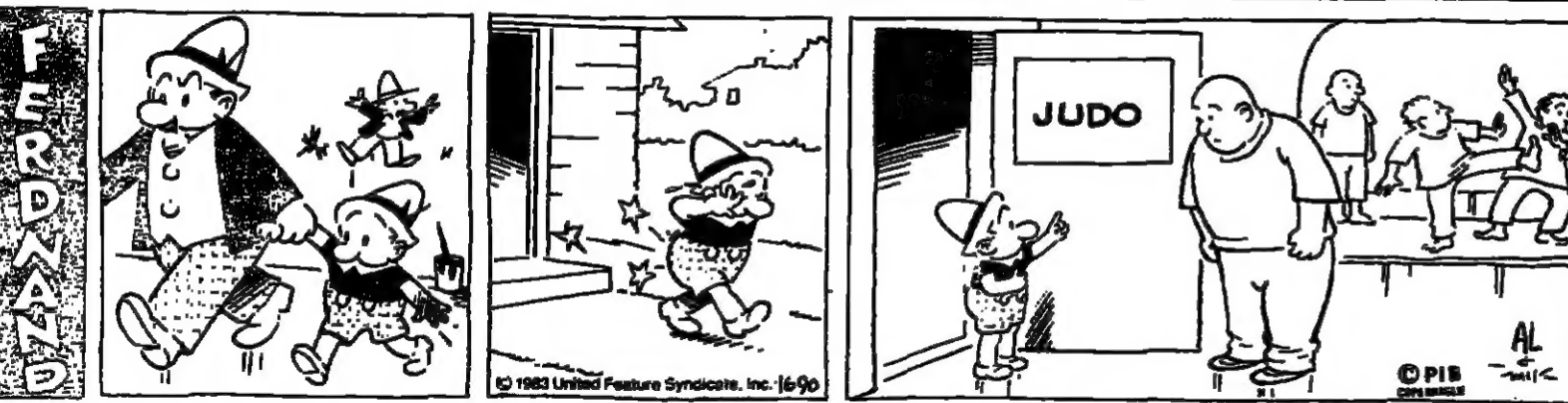
The Tourism Ministry will stop investing in areas where its efforts do not receive local backing, according to a ministry announcement yesterday.

The announcement said that letters had been sent to the mayors and heads of local councils where there has already been investment in a tourist attraction to say that no further projects will be undertaken until the local authorities undertake to abide by a number of conditions. The conditions include financial participation in work on the site, an undertaking to continue to care for

it and keep it clean and a promise to provide suitable lighting, landscaping and decor. The town or local council must also agree to embark on a campaign to encourage a positive attitude towards tourists among local residents.

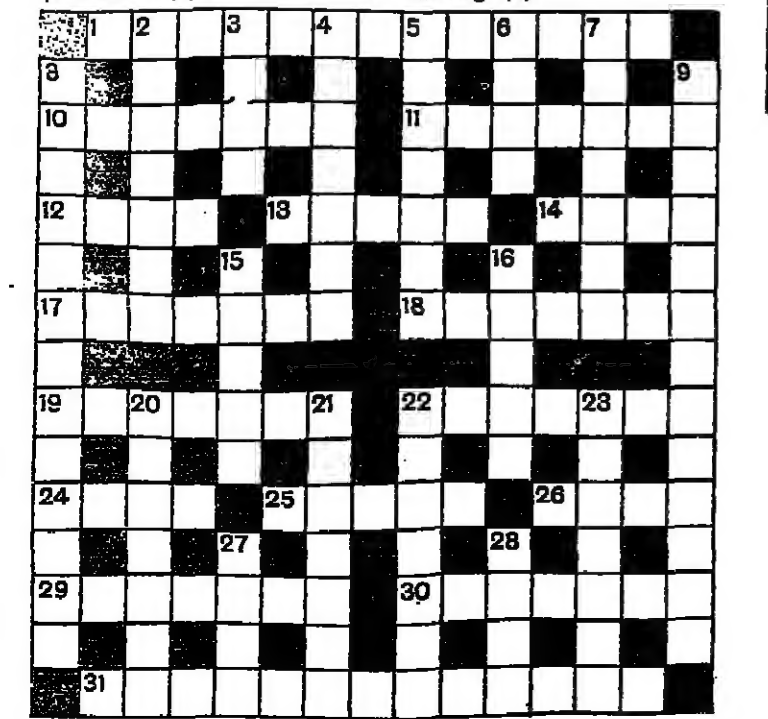
Efraim Ronen, head of the Government Tourist Development Corporation, which provides the funds for government investment in tourist sites, was quoted as saying that "we won't put any money into a locale in which the attitude toward tourists is not positive."

Among the major investments in recent years were boardwalks in Eilat and at the Dead Sea.



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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Easter and Whitsun picnics? (7, 6)</p> <p>10 Levelling out at the end of the day (7)</p> <p>11 Sooner a nobleman that is king (7)</p> <p>13 Middle East nomad sailor following a king (4)</p> <p>13 Broken gates on which not only children play (5)</p> <p>14 Single address which is used in writing (4)</p> <p>17 Aid to drinking from a lady's sipper? The dress even? (4, 3)</p> <p>18 The success of the aim depends on putting one's finger on it (7)</p> <p>19 It sounds like the sole doubt a stockless trader has (4, 3)</p> <p>22 Inflationary announcement by the life attendant in the basement? (5, 2)</p> <p>24 It tastes sweet, but no schoolboy wants a taste of it (4)</p> <p>25 Call back about one, even though that constitutes a bloomer (5)</p> <p>26 Sorting mail bound for Timbuktu (4)</p> <p>29 Any last order for the chemist? (7)</p> <p>30 Freddie's virility and veracity are undoubted (7)</p> <p>31 They correspond to word processors (6, 7)</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>2 Work—musical work on the leading note of the scale (7)</p> <p>3 A cricket team's turning point (4)</p> <p>4 Start smoking and smile (5, 2)</p> <p>5 Despatch a sapper in battle, (7)</p> <p>6 Halo for a gold god in Ancient Egypt (4)</p> <p>7 Following the advice of a terrier fancier? (7)</p> <p>8 Philosopher encountered a writer of . . . (13)</p> <p>9 . . . script in prose composition for patient types (13)</p> <p>15 Ransacks, overturning a small seat (5)</p> <p>16 Number one suggestion to a garden enthusiast (5)</p> <p>20 Mark paper (that will get old) about one's family (7)</p> <p>21 Maybe a spinner of yarns is a man not to be trusted (7)</p> <p>22 Plastic surgeon who is out to exploit people (7)</p> <p>23 Sort of school badly spoken grandma never went to (7)</p> <p>27 Peer of Ibsen (4)</p> <p>28 Imperative stage in wine making (4)</p> |
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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ACROSS

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DOWN

1 Commissioned soldier, 2 Flatter, 3 Herd of sheep, 4 Speech impediment, 5 Brushwood, 6 Sotto voce remark, 9 Alarming, 15 Bottle top, 16 Cattle pest, 18 Rot away, 19 Drench with boiling water, 20 Political organisation, 21 Fast.

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN AND NOT HURT.

Market improvement continues

TEL AVIV. — It was just another session of quiet trading on the exchange yesterday, but as one observer was prompt to point out, prices were moving in an upward direction. The General Share Index, commercial banks excepted, recorded a 1.05 per cent advance. Turnovers were thin and totalled barely over the IS400 million. Financial institutions and oil equities were lower, but all other groups performed in what could only be described as a positive manner.

The bank shares which are part of the agreement with the Treasury were for the greater part unchanged as the Bank of Israel continued its intervention. Discount A, however, was 1.2 per cent lower, while United Mizrahi Banker was up by 3.3 per cent.

In the bankholding section Danot was 9.6 per cent higher, while 5 shares were down by 7.3 per cent. Mortgage bank issues were either unchanged or moved slightly higher. Binyan rose by 4.6 per cent, but Adasim eased by 2.5 per cent. Specialized financial institution stocks were clearly lower. Federation of Contractors was down by 10 per cent and was followed by

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Shilton, which absorbed an 8.7 per cent drop.

Insurance issues were mixed, but on balance moved higher. Zion Holdings I was up by 10 per cent, while Ararat 0.5 fell by a similar figure. Ararat 0.1 advanced 7.9 per cent, while Aryeh fell by 9.6 per cent.

The service and trade group moved in an upward direction. Clal Trade picked up 9.9 per cent, while Bonded Warehouses sprinted ahead by a full 10 per cent. Lighterage 0.1 picked up 10.1 per cent. Mashov, a recent newcomer to the market, was dropped for a 15.3 per cent loss.

Land development and real estate stocks also moved higher on a sectoral basis. This did not stop a number of shares from being clipped for painful losses. Amnionim was a case in point as it fell by 14.8 per cent, while Mishel was down by 10.2 per cent. Property & Building was nearly two per cent

lower. Bayside 0.1, a P & B subsidiary, picked up 4.9 per cent.

Industrials were one of the better performing groups. On a sectoral basis the shares advanced by 1.35 per cent. Atlas was 10.1 per cent higher. Gold Frost I was "sellers only" for the second session and will trade today without any price restraints. The Gold Frost 5 shares, in sharp contrast, advanced by 9.3 per cent.

United Spinners I was a 3 per cent riser, but Vitalgo was 10 per cent lower. Lodzia 0.1 was a 10 per cent winner. The Urdan group of securities was in good form, with the shares rising by 5 and 9.5 per cent. The Urdan option rose by 10 per cent.

Arit advanced by 5.5 per cent. Elron Electronics edged 1.6 per cent higher, while Elbit Computers was fractionally ahead. Clal Electronics gained 7.9 per cent, as Spectronix I zipped ahead by 10 per cent set back, but Paper Mills advanced by 1.8 per cent. Clal Industries rose 4.1 per cent.

Investment company shares were among the best performers on the market. However, Elgar Banker took a terrible beating as its price collapsed by 26.6 per cent. The Clal Israel shares were both 10 per cent higher.

Oils were mostly mixed, with a slight tendency to lower prices, as moderate profit-taking appeared to develop.

The index-linked bond market continued to benefit from the valiant support extended by the central bank. The Bank of Israel was in there pitching and generally was able to maintain an even keel in most areas of index-linked bond trading.

The fully-linked bond sector, however, tended to move lower, with losses running up to three per cent.

The shekel continued to lose ground against the dollar, but the pace of the erosion slowed, as the currency fell by only 65 agorot.

Kenes — the organizers for congresses and special events successfully completed its first-ever public financing. All of the units offered were picked up. The Kenes issue was supposed to trade today, but the stock exchange management has postponed the trading move because the issue was not distributed among a sufficiently broad segment of investors. Plans are now being made to have the Kenes shares traded on a computerized basis.

Volatility statistics yesterday showed that nine issues were on the "sellers only" list, while six were established as "buyers only."

However, 90 securities did advance by margins of more than five per cent, while 55 were down by similar margins.

Hamburger chairman of Israel-Switzerland Chamber

TEL AVIV. — At the annual general meeting of the Israel-Switzerland Chamber of Commerce recently, Gideon Hamburger was elected chairman. The following officers were also elected: Dr. A. Neuman, vice-chairman; Dr. J. Nach and B. Blei; honorary treasurer — Z. Pissetzki; members of the executive committee — A. Ackermann, E. Eisenmann, M.E. Halberthal, Dr. R. Hecht, S. Mor, K. Reich, L. Terner, J. Wegryn; general secretary — Suzanne Wolff.

AID. — Saudi Arabia has granted Mauritania \$5 million in food aid to help overcome drought, the official Saudi press agency reported yesterday.

LONDON BANK RATES

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Call money 9 9

91-day Treasury 8 7/8

3-months interbank 9 1/8

Lloyds Bank

Commercial Banks

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Hotels, Tourism

Hotel	Change	% change
Hotel Dan	1.05	1.05
Hotel Jerusalem	1.05	1.05
Hotel Ma'anei	1.05	1.05
Hotel Ramat Hashikma	1.05	1.05
Hotel Yotvata	1.05	1.05

Computers

Company	Change	% change
Elbit Computers	1.05	1.05
Elron Electronics	1.05	1.05
Elbit Systems	1.05	1.05
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Real Estate, Building

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Mortgage Banks

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Bank Leumi	1.05	1.05
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Bank Leumi	1.05	1.05

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Textiles and Clothing

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Budget cuts aren't enough

AFTER A STORMY all-night meeting, the ministerial economic committee unanimously decided to cut government expenditures.

The global sum of IS\$8 billion on which the committee reached agreement did not quite add up to the nine per cent originally presented by the Treasury as the minimum slash. Nor did it amount to an across-the-board cut, as proposed by the Treasury. Thus the welfare budget, which found its political protector in Tami, is to be pared by 5-6 per cent, to be achieved through "greater internal efficiency," while the development budget is to be trimmed by more than the average.

Nevertheless Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir feel satisfied. For had the committee broken up without an agreement — and there is at least one memorable precedent for that happening under the Likud — it would have been seen as confirmation of the utter impotence of the present regime, and open acknowledgement that its days are numbered.

Coming on top of the failure to coax the Histadrut into a "package deal" the day before, it would perhaps have been a mortal blow. The committee members were plainly determined that this should not happen.

How durable the decision is, remains to be seen. For one thing, it still requires the assent of the full cabinet, in which ministerial interests not represented in the committee may come to the fore. On a number of issues, too, differences persist among the coalition parties. While Tami, or a part of it, at any rate, keeps insisting on the cessation of all new settlement activity in Judea and Samaria as a condition of belt-tightening for the disadvantaged, Tziya is adamant that cuts in settlement should only affect the quality but not the quantity of construction.

To survive, the government needs the support of both these small parties.

Even if the decision itself gets through the cabinet in one piece, there is a serious question whether it will stand the test of time. Likud administrations have become notorious for their tendency to ignore budgetary constraints and run to the Knesset with requests for supplementary budgets, which dutiful majorities ratify as a matter of political expediency. Nothing in Mr. Cohen-Orgad's record so far provides any assurance that he will set his face against this practice.

Of course it is possible that he will. But his main effort will still have to be aimed at keeping expenditures in line with revenues. In other words, he will have to see to it that government spending does not produce an intolerable deficit. However, the recession into which the finance minister is driving the economy can only pare down revenues and expand the deficit.

Since he cannot obtain enough long-term loans to cover it, Mr. Cohen-Orgad will be forced to print money for the purpose. But this will cancel out whatever benefits the cuts decided upon by the ministerial economic committee may conceivably yield.

This does not necessarily mean that the committee was entirely off-beam. A sharp reduction in government operations is obviously imperative, in the circumstances. But in order to rescue the economy from the impending disaster a complete reversal of national policy is called for. This implies a wholly new game, not merely shifting the existing pieces around.

BANK INQUIRY

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went from Bank Hapoalim to head Ampal, the bank sold valuable Ampal assets at the value registered in the books, "which is of course a historical and infinitesimal price."

A picture of a typewritten page said to be a secret report prepared several years ago by a very senior lawyer and a top banker to the then-finance minister Simha Ehrlich alleged that Bank Hapoalim transfer assets to Ampal for a "partial recompense."

As a result of the transfers, "foreign residents won purchasers' rights in many assets from Israel's residents without proper recompense," the report added.

The weekly said that on December 18, 1979 Bank Hapoalim sold part of its branch in the Cayman Islands to Ampal for \$180,000. Ampal's balance sheet prepared for December 31 of that year registered the value of that purchase at \$380,000.

"Within one year the value of Ampal's shares in the U.S. stock exchange rose from 95 cents per share to \$4 per share. A 320 per cent profit a year, in dollars, is really something," *Haoam Hazeq* said.

"Without suspecting the innocent, it is very easy to assume that whoever is close to the banking empire could have received a loan in dollars...at the beginning of that year, bought Ampal shares at their low price and when selling them after a year he still was left...with a handsome profit...even after paying interest," the magazine continued.

The magazine added that while chairman of Ampal, Levinson registered in Delaware another company — U.S.I. Investments. Noting that the company's gross assets were far higher than its paid-up capital (as listed) the magazine said: "Where are all these assets from? Maybe from profits from shares that rose within one year by 320 per cent?"

As reported in *Davar* yesterday, Levinson strongly denied an Israel Television report that he had transferred Bank Hapoalim assets to a private company. He said he would seek legal counsel.

He also denied the *Haoam Hazeq* report, stating: "Ampal acted to raise resources in foreign currency for the State of Israel and its economy, and all the companies

that operated within its framework or in cooperation with it acted with the bank's knowledge and continuously contributed to the bank's aims."

In 1981, Levinson was asked by the Alignment to be its Candidate for Finance Minister, but after extensive consultations with Labour Party chairman, Levinson decided against joining the party ticket.

In yesterday's interview Rosolio said that shortly after he became secretary of Hevrat HaOvdim last April, he learned from the bank about the suspicions concerning Levinson. Rosolio said he immediately informed Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and in May or June appointed Rothman and Sivan to look into the matter.

Rothman and Sivan are members of the bank's board of directors and as such have access to the bank's secret files, he said.

The investigation has been secret because, Rosolio said, it involved casting aspersions on Levinson. He said that Levinson may be the target of a "framing" attempt. The investigation was delayed partly because Rothman had been ill, Rosolio added.

"The information has been dealt with immediately and in a responsible manner," the secretary insisted. There was "no attempt to sweep matters under the carpet but to check facts in a reliable manner," he added.

Developments will be reported today to Hevrat HaOvdim's managing committee and on Sunday to the Histadrut's Central Committee, he said.

Post Knesset Correspondent adds: Likud Knesset Member Dan Tichon wants the State Comptroller to issue an official opinion regarding the allegations against Levinson.

Tichon, an economist and a member of the Likud's Liberal wing, wrote the chairman of the Knesset State Control Committee, Avraham Katz-Oz, yesterday noting that the Treasury was already a guarantor of the bank, because of the bank-shares agreement, and would have to assume a still greater financial burden if the allegations against Levinson weakened its bank's position.

SUBSIDIZING THE RICH

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

THE PROPOSAL by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan, to raise the basic benefits for most recipients of National Insurance payments is certainly necessary, now that subsidies for basic commodities have been slashed. But the proposal will also have the unintended effect of widening the gap among poor families.

The proposal, which is to be brought before the NII Council in about two weeks for preliminary approval, tries to correct part of the damage done to the real incomes of most groups of NII beneficiaries by the drastic cuts in subsidies. It seeks a 5 per cent increase in the basic sums allotted each month to the disabled, the aged, survivors, those receiving income supports or alimony, and large families with four or more children.

The NII notes that in October a basic policy change was made concerning subsidies, which has led to enormous jumps in the price of bread, milk, oil and fuel over the last few months. Yet no corresponding change was made in the NII benefits for groups that, with some important exceptions, tend to be in the lowest income brackets.

The compensation mechanisms that are supposed to tide these groups over in the periods between regular adjustments every three months have simply not been able to make up for the sudden and steep erosion of real income for these groups.

The 5 per cent increase proposed would come in addition to the quarterly rise in NII benefits linked to the average wage or to the Consumer Price Index.

The NII proposal, adopted by Uzan, seeks to match the policy change on subsidies with a policy change on welfare payments to certain groups. This seems only fair and logical — but it may prove too much for a government unable to define its economic policy clearly, let alone tackle the relation between economic and social policy. The only indication so far from the Treasury is that welfare expenses should be cut like everything else, and at the same rate.

THE GROUPS singled out for the 5 per cent increase in NII payments have several things in common: they tend to be in the low-income brackets; they tend to have a high proportion of subsidized basic commodities in their respective "consumption baskets" and their major source of income tends to be NII payments.

The glaring exception to these trends is large families, whose children's allowances would be increased by 5 per cent under the proposal. The tendency to put all large families automatically in the "needy" category along with the disabled, widows and welfare cases began last October, when a special compensation payment was made to these groups.

While a case can be made that the vast majority of the aged, disabled, widows, welfare cases and alimony recipients are in the lowest income brackets, the same cannot be said of families with four children. NII figures based on a statistical sample show that 16 per cent of families with four children are below the poverty line — that is, in the lowest income group — and that

another 50 per cent are in the other lowest-income brackets.

But 24 per cent of all families with four children are in the middle income brackets and 10 per cent are at the highest income levels.

Among families with five or more children, the vast majority are in the lowest income groups.

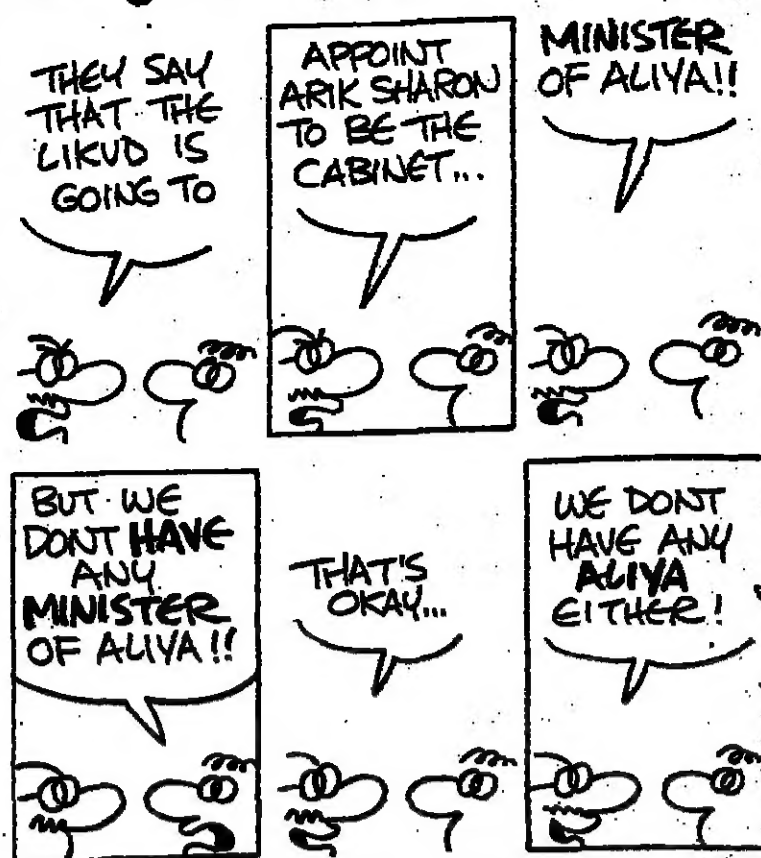
Families with four children also differ from the uniformly needy groups in the Uzan proposal in that for most of them, the children's allowances do not form the main part of their income. The allowances are an important supplement, to be sure, but they do not mean the same thing for them as they do for the widowed or disabled.

THE FOCUS on large families, irrespective of income, leaves out in the cold the estimated 17,000 families with one to three children living below the poverty line, not to mention thousands of other small families living on the edge of poverty. These families were overlooked in last October's special compensation, and they are also omitted from the proposal to raise basic benefits.

The poor families with up to three children are in part the victim of the data collection and processing system used by the NII. The NII computer can distinguish between families by the number of children they have, but cannot group them by income level. Income data on all recipients of child allowances cannot be efficiently collected and manipulated, the NII experts say, to enable a small family with a low income to be distinguished from a large family with a high income.

Thus a shotgun approach is

Dry Bones



adopted in which the increase in benefits will reach the deserving targets along with thousands of less deserving ones. The same goes for payments to widows and the disabled, but here the margin for injustice is much smaller.

As a sop to Zehavi and to large families in general, Tami no doubt figured that it wouldn't hurt to throw some extra benefits their way in the framework of a proposal designed to help other groups, the vast majority of whose members really need help.

But the proposal compounds the injustice of giving more to large families who are well-off, by excluding the small poor families who have little but their heavily-eroded child allowances to live on.

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There ARE grounds to suspect that large families were added to the list of intrinsically needy groups for political reasons. The heads of Zehavi, the Large Families Association, recently held a press conference in which they blasted Uzan's party, Tami, for breaking its promises to help large families. The extra children's allowances for large families, paid since last spring, made up only a small part of the erosion in the value of the payments in the last six years, they charged.

In response to the Zehavi criticism, Uzan's deputy, Ben-Zion Rubin, said that Tami would soon attempt to push the rest of the large family legislation through the Knesset. That seems highly unlikely now, with Uzan sharply at odds with the Treasury's economic policies.

Enough is enough

By DAVID TWERSKY

WITH 1984 less than a week old, Herut attempted the incredible: to outdo George Orwell by nominating Ariel Sharon for the vacant post of head of the Jewish Agency's Aliya Department.

Arik Sharon, a man who came out last in a popularity poll of Israeli leaders among American Jewry. The man who paved the way for, and then dragged us along into, the most prolonged and ill-advised disaster in the relatively short history of this young state, the war in Lebanon. The man whom the Kahan Commission found sufficiently responsible for the events surrounding the Sabra and Shatilla massacres to recommend that he be stripped of the long-coveted Defence portfolio. The man who mismanaged the Ministry of Agriculture in order to further the tragic *de facto* annexation of the West Bank.

Arik Sharon is the last man in Israel to have been nominated for a job like Aliya. He is the very op-

posite of the educator we need if we are to successfully engage the free Jewish world in a dialogue about the depth and range of possibilities available to those who make their lives in Israel.

Surely Herut, to whom the Aliya job must go by virtue of Zionist Congress politics, can come up with a candidate who, while reflecting their views, is capable of uniting rather than dividing the Jewish people. It is utterly inconceivable that Sharon could have done this — he had as much chance as the proverbial snowball in hell of communicating a positive Zionist message to anyone except those who agree with him already.

Prime Minister Shamir suggested, at a meeting with the leadership of the Zionist Confederation, that to refuse Sharon the job would be tantamount to an admission of responsibility for the Sabra and Shatilla massacres. This pathetic campaign rhetoric reminds me of a speech by Richard Nixon, midway through the Watergate crisis. Addressing the nation on television, the U.S. president declared that "we are all guilty of Watergate. Every American, whether he cheats on his taxes, beats his wife, is unkind to his secretary or refuses to help an old lady cross the street." This effort to spread the blame and thus trivialize the crime did Nixon no good: the

nation refused to put it all behind them.

Nor will Mr. Shamir succeed in his attempts to minimize the fault found by the official commission of inquiry with Sharon's handling of the events surrounding the massacre. The choice is not between Israel's collective guilt and Sharon's private innocence. There is an intermediate possibility, the one which the Kahan Commission accepted: Sharon was culpable, the Israeli people were not. It was by articulating that conclusion that the collective innocence of the Israeli nation was established beyond the shadow of a doubt.

We cannot put it all behind us,

not while we are still in Lebanon still blinded by the pain inflicted on us by the policies championed by Ariel Sharon. We must not trivialize the tragic consequences of Sharon's titanic failures.

This man should not serve anywhere in Israeli public life, or lead the Jewish people in any capacity. This man had his day a court, and his years of power. It is time for him to leave us — as we must make certain that Sharon's aide Uri Dan was a false prophet when he said, at the time his master was forced out of the defence job "Those who didn't want him a defense minister will get him as prime minister."

That must never come to pass and there is no better way of making that nightmare vanish into thin air than to say "no" to Sharon now, to refuse to legitimize him, now.

The writer is the editor of *Spectrum*, the Israeli Labour Movement monthly, and member of Kibbutz Gazer.

READERS' LETTERS

ISRAEL'S ONLY ALLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A recent issue of The Jerusalem Post featured both an editorial and a comment by Prime Minister Shamir that ties with the U.S. have never been closer. And there was obvious satisfaction with this closeness.

I want to remind you to open your collective eyes in Israel. Do not rely on the friendship of any foreign power or chief of state, as it is a passing thing with no substance. And recent history of the see-saw "friendship" between Israel and its U.S. ally shows this all too clearly. Stop and look and see the facts for what they are and not for what you would like them to be.

The only ally of Israel and of the Jewish people is the Almighty. ARTHUR MILLER Cape Town, South Africa.

PENFRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — One of the best kept secrets in the world is the existence of a penfriend service that seeks to link Jewish individuals of all ages and backgrounds to one another, whether they reside in Israel or in the Diaspora. International Jewish Correspondence, as it is called, is funded by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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SOVIET JEWRY

general impression is that our Russian Jewish compatriots have lowered the already uncertain level of Jewish community commitment, rather than raising it in any measure or aspect.

It is time to state, therefore, that the Israelis were right, and the American Jewish leadership of the day was wrong. The emigrants should have been brought, en masse, to the one place in which, willy-nilly, the world would conspire to make Jews of them. To state matters simply: the State of Israel suffered, but the American Jewish community did not benefit, from the anti-Zionist decision imposed a decade ago.

If, as we all hope and pray, the Jews who wish to leave the USSR again get the chance to do so, a new policy should take shape, one that favours the Judaization in the State of Israel of these welcome additions to the Jewish people of the free world.

Prof. JACOB NEUSNER Providence, Rhode Island.

PEACE WITH EGYPT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In a letter in your issue of January 2, Mr. Alpert concludes that peace with Egypt is an "empty shell." Although the peace is not as yet what we envisioned, an empty shell is better than a loaded one. DR. MICHAEL ROSKIN Jerusalem.

CHRISTIAN TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Lebanese Christian TV station, whose programmes you now report in your TV section, provides some excellent sports, movies and general entertainment. For that, we should be grateful.

However, every day, a child's cartoon series entitled "Super Book" is also presented. This series provides us with a daily dosage of "Jesus stories." The one for January, which prompts this letter, was a minute account of the "Jewish conspiracy" to kill Jesus.

If the Christians are going to use our means of communication to promote their message, I would at least suggest a minimum of tact in their part.

LARRY GOLDSTEIN Kibbutz Ein Dor.

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